

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Hechun Chen, et al.)
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Serial No.: Unassigned) Group Art Unit: Unassigned
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Filed: July 26, 2001) Examiner: Unassigned
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For: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR)
AUTOMATIC END-TO-END PATH)
PROVISIONING FOR SONET)
NETWORKS)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- This application is related to co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/661,203, entitled "Methods and Apparatuses for Providing Multiple Services from Any Slot in a SONET Systems Having Multiple Slots" and filed on September 14, 2000, and U.S. Patent Application No. 09/658,778, entitled "Method and Apparatus for Partitioning SONET Frames into Logical Channels to Optimize Bandwidth Utilization" and filed on September 11, 2000, the entireties of which are incorporated by reference herein. --

REMARKS

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the application by this Amendment.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0308 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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